- 3. On or about July 25, 2012, Respondent was served by Certified and First Class Mail copies of the Accusation No. 4230, Statement to Respondent, Notice of Defense, Request for Discovery, and Discovery Statutes (Government Code sections 11507.5, 11507.6, and 11507.7) at Respondent's address of record which, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4100, is required to be reported and maintained with the Board. Respondent's address of record was and is 2160 Begley Circle, Corona, CA 92881.
- 4. Service of the Accusation was effective as a matter of law under the provisions of Government Code section 11505, subdivision (c) and/or Business & Professions Code section 124.
- 5. The aforementioned documents have not been returned by the U.S. Postal Service. A completed return receipt shows delivery of these documents was made on August 10, 2012.
  - 6. Government Code section 11506 states, in pertinent part:
  - (c) The respondent shall be entitled to a hearing on the merits if the respondent files a notice of defense, and the notice shall be deemed a specific denial of all parts of the accusation not expressly admitted. Failure to file a notice of defense shall constitute a waiver of respondent's right to a hearing, but the agency in its discretion may nevertheless grant a hearing.
- 7. Respondent failed to file a Notice of Defense within 15 days after service upon her of the Accusation, and therefore waived her right to a hearing on the merits of Accusation No. 4230.
  - 8. California Government Code section 11520 states, in pertinent part:
  - (a) If the respondent either fails to file a notice of defense or to appear at the hearing, the agency may take action based upon the respondent's express admissions or upon other evidence and affidavits may be used as evidence without any notice to respondent.
- 9. Pursuant to its authority under Government Code section 11520, the Board finds Respondent is in default. The Board will take action without further hearing and, based on the relevant evidence contained in the Default Decision Evidence Packet in this matter, as well as taking official notice of all the investigatory reports, exhibits and statements contained therein on file at the Board's offices regarding the allegations contained in Accusation No. 4230, finds that the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 4230, are separately and severally, found to be true and correct by clear and convincing evidence.

10. Taking official notice of its own internal records, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3, it is hereby determined that the reasonable costs for Investigation and Enforcement are \$1,547.50 as of August 22, 2012.

### **DETERMINATION OF ISSUES**

- 1. Based on the foregoing findings of fact, Respondent Jillian Frances McMahon has subjected her Pharmacy Technician Registration No. 97033 to discipline.
  - 2. The agency has jurisdiction to adjudicate this case by default.
- 3. The Board of Pharmacy is authorized to revoke Respondent's Pharmacy Technician Registration based upon the following violations alleged in the Accusation which are supported by the evidence contained in the Default Decision Evidence Packet in this case:
- a. violation of Code sections 490 and 4301(1) for conviction of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a pharmacy technician;
- b. violation of Code section 4301(h) for unprofessional conduct for using, or administering to herself, a controlled substance, cocaine, and alcoholic beverages to the extent or in a manner dangerous to herself or the public;
- c. violation of Code section 4301(j), in conjunction with Health and Safety Code section 11350(a), for violation of the laws of the state of California regarding controlled substances and dangerous drugs; and,
- d. violation of Code section 4301(k) for conviction of more than one misdemeanor involving an alcoholic beverage.

### <u>ORDER</u>

IT IS SO ORDERED that Pharmacy Technician Registration No. 97033, heretofore issued to Respondent Jillian Frances McMahon, is revoked.

Pursuant to Government Code section 11520, subdivision (c), Respondent may serve a written motion requesting that the Decision be vacated and stating the grounds relied on within seven (7) days after service of the Decision on Respondent. The agency in its discretion may vacate the Decision and grant a hearing on a showing of good cause, as defined in the statute.

1	This Decision shall become effective on November 19, 2012.
2	It is so ORDERED ON October 19, 2012.
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4	DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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Exhibit A

Accusation

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9	BEFORE THE BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
10	DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA
11	In the Matter of the Accusation Against: Case No. 4230
12	JILLIAN FRANCES MCMAHON 2160 Begley Circle
13	Corona, CA 92881 A C C U S A T I O N
14	Pharmacy Technician Registration No. 97033
15	Respondent.
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18	Complainant alleges:
19	<u>PARTIES</u>
20	1. Virginia Herold (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity
21	as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs.
22	2. On or about May 26, 2010, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacy Technician
23	Registration Number 97033 to Jillian Frances McMahon (Respondent). The Pharmacy
24	Technician Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought
25	herein but expired on February 29, 2012, unless renewed.
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Accusation

### JURISDICTION 1 3. This Accusation is brought before the Board of Pharmacy (Board), Department of 2 Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the 3 Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated. 4 4. Section 4300 of the Code states: 5 6 (a) Every license issued may be suspended or revoked. (b) The board shall discipline the holder of any license issued by the board, whose default has been entered or whose case has been heard by the board and found guilty, by any of the following methods: (1) Suspending judgment. (2) Placing him or her upon probation. (3) Suspending his or her right to practice for a period not exceeding one 10 (4) Revoking his or her license. (5) Taking any other action in relation to disciplining him or her as the board in its discretion may deem proper. (e) The proceedings under this article shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 12 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of the Government 13 Code, and the board shall have all the powers granted therein. The action shall be final, except that the propriety of the action is subject to review by the superior court pursuant to Section 1094.5 of the Code of Civil Procedure. 5. Section 118, subdivision (b), of the Code provides that the suspension, expiration, surrender or cancellation of a license shall not deprive the Board of jurisdiction to proceed with a 16 disciplinary action during the period within which the license may be renewed, restored, reissued or reinstated. 18 STATUTORY AND REGULATORY PROVISIONS 6. Section 482 of the Code states: 20 Each board under the provisions of this code shall develop criteria to evaluate the rehabilitation of a person when: (a) Considering the denial of a license by the board under Section 480; or (b) Considering suspension or revocation of a license under Section 490.

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7. Section 490 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that a board may suspend or revoke a license on the ground that the licensee has been convicted of a crime substantially

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#### 8. Section 493 of the Code states:

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in a proceeding conducted by a board within the department pursuant to law to deny an application for a license or to suspend or revoke a license or otherwise take disciplinary action against a person who holds a license, upon the ground that the applicant or the licensee has been convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of the licensee in question, the record of conviction of the crime shall be conclusive evidence of the fact that the conviction occurred, but only of that fact, and the board may inquire into the circumstances surrounding the commission of the crime in order to fix the degree of discipline or to determine if the conviction is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of the licensee in question.

related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the

As used in this section, 'license' includes 'certificate,' 'permit,' 'authority,' and 'registration.'"

### Section 4301 of the Code states:

The board shall take action against any holder of a license who is guilty of unprofessional conduct or whose license has been procured by fraud or misrepresentation or issued by mistake. Unprofessional conduct shall include, but is not limited to, any of the following:

(h) The administering to oneself, of any controlled substance, or the use of any dangerous drug or of alcoholic beverages to the extent or in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to oneself, to a person holding a license under this chapter, or to any other person or to the public, or to the extent that the use impairs the ability of the person to conduct with safety to the public the practice authorized by the license.

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(j) The violation of any of the statutes of this state, or any other state, or of the United States regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs.

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(k) The conviction of more than one misdemeanor or any felony involving the use, consumption, or self-administration of any dangerous drug or alcoholic beverage, or any combination of those substances.

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(1) The conviction of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a licensee under this chapter. The record of conviction of a violation of Chapter 13 (commencing with Section 801) of Title 21 of the United States Code regulating controlled substances or of a violation of the statutes of this state regulating controlled substances or dangerous drugs shall be conclusive evidence of unprofessional conduct. In all other cases, the record of conviction shall be conclusive evidence only of the fact that the conviction occurred. The board may inquire into the circumstances surrounding the commission of the crime, in order to fix the degree of discipline or, in the case of a conviction not involving controlled substances or dangerous drugs, to determine if the conviction is of an offense

substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a licensee under this chapter. A plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere is deemed to be a conviction within the meaning of this provision. The board may take action when the time for appeal has elapsed, or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal or when an order granting probation is made suspending the imposition of sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code allowing the person to withdraw his or her plea of guilty and to enter a plea of not guilty, or setting aside the verdict of guilty, or dismissing the accusation, information, or indictment....

### 10. Section 4060 of the Code states:

No person shall possess any controlled substance, except that furnished to a person upon the prescription of a physician, dentist, podiatrist, optometrist, veterinarian, or naturopathic doctor pursuant to Section 3640.7, or furnished pursuant to a drug order issued by a certified nurse-midwife pursuant to Section 2746.51, a nurse practitioner pursuant to Section 2836.1, or a physician assistant pursuant to Section 3502.1, or naturopathic doctor pursuant to Section 3640.5, or a pharmacist pursuant to either subparagraph (D) of paragraph (4) of, or clause (iv) of subparagraph (A) of paragraph (5) of, subdivision (a) of Section 4052. This section shall not apply to the possession of any controlled substance by a manufacturer, wholesaler, pharmacy, pharmacist, physician, podiatrist, dentist, optometrist, veterinarian, naturopathic doctor, certified nurse-midwife, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant, when in stock in containers correctly labeled with the name and address of the supplier or producer.

Nothing in this section authorizes a certified nurse-midwife, a nurse practitioner, a physician assistant, or a naturopathic doctor, to order his or her own stock of dangerous drugs and devices.

- 11. Health and Safety Code section 11350 provides, in part:
- (a) Except as otherwise provided in this division, every person who possesses (1) any controlled substance specified in subdivision (b) or (c), or paragraph (1) of subdivision (f) of Section 11054, specified in paragraph (14), (15), or (20) of subdivision (d) of Section 11054, or specified in subdivision (b) or (c) of Section 11055, or specified in subdivision (h) of Section 11056, or (2) any controlled substance classified in Schedule III, IV, or V which is a narcotic drug, unless upon the written prescription of a physician, dentist, podiatrist, or veterinarian licensed to practice in this state, shall be punished by imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 1170 of the Penal Code....
- 12. Title 16, California Code of Regulations, section 1769, subdivision (b), states:
- b) When considering the suspension or revocation of a facility or a personal license on the ground that the licensee or the registrant has been convicted of a crime, the board, in evaluating the rehabilitation of such person and his present eligibility for a license will consider the following criteria:
- (1) Nature and severity of the act(s) or offense(s).
- (2) Total criminal record.
- (3) The time that has elapsed since commission of the act(s) or offense(s).
- (4) Whether the licensee has complied with all terms of parole, probation, restitution or any other sanctions lawfully imposed against the licensee.
- (5) Evidence, if any, of rehabilitation submitted by the licensee.

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13. Title 16, California Code of Regulations, section 1770, states:

For the purpose of denial, suspension, or revocation of a personal or facility license pursuant to Division 1.5 (commencing with Section 475) of the Business and Professions Code, a crime or act shall be considered substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a licensee or registrant if to a substantial degree it evidences present or potential unfitness of a licensee or registrant to perform the functions authorized by his license or registration in a manner consistent with the public health, safety, or welfare.

### DRUGS

14. <u>Cocaine</u> is a Schedule II controlled substance as designated by Health and Safety Code section 11055(b)(6), and is a dangerous drug pursuant to Business & Professions Code section 4022.

### COST RECOVERY

15. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

### FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

# (September 30, 2011 Conviction of Possession of Controlled Substances and DUI on April 10, 2011)

- 16. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code sections 490 and 4301(l) for conviction of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a pharmacy technician in that on September 30, 2011, Respondent was convicted by her guilty plea in *The People of the State of California v. Jillian Frances McMahon*, Riverside Superior Court Case No. RIF1102567 of violation of Health and Safety Code section 11350(a), possession of a controlled substance, a felony, and violation of Vehicle Code section 23152(a), driving under the influence of alcohol, a misdemeanor. At Respondent's guilty plea to these two charges, the third charge for use of a controlled substance, cocaine, was dismissed. The circumstances are as follows.
- 17. At about 1:00 a.m. on April 10, 2011, detectives of the Corona Police Department were traveling northbound on Rimpau Avenue while patrolling several schools due to recent

burglaries. The detectives observed a dark vehicle traveling southbound on the northbound lanes of Rimpau at a high rate of speed. Respondent was the driver of the vehicle. The vehicle weaved into the detectives' lane, forcing Detective V. to change into the next lane to avoid a head on collision. The detectives turned around and followed the vehicle, which continued to weave in and out of traffic. The vehicle turned left and suddenly stopped on the curb. When the detectives attempted a traffic stop, the vehicle drove away. The detectives followed the vehicle to the driveway of a residence. Detective V. approached the vehicle and as he got to the driver's side door, he could smell the odor of alcohol. He noticed that Respondent's eyes were bloodshot and watery. Respondent admitted that she had been drinking and that she had 6 12-ounce beers. Respondent's speech was slurred and she was unsteady on her feet. Respondent was not able to successfully complete the Field Sobriety Tests. Respondent was placed under arrest for driving under the influence of alcohol. Blood tests revealed a blood alcohol content of 0.31% and the presence of cocaine and/or its metabolites.

- 18. In the meantime, Detective J. observed a small, white bundle containing a white, powdery substance on the center console of Respondent's vehicle. The substance, weighing 1.5 grams, was tested and determined to be cocaine. Respondent was also charged with possession of cocaine.
- 19. As a result of Respondent's conviction, she was sentenced to 36 months formal probation, ordered into the custody of the Riverside County Sheriff for 120 days, pay fines and fees of about \$2,294.45 and to participate and complete a counseling or rehabilitation program, among other things.

### SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

## (Use of Dangerous Drugs and Alcoholic Beverages on April 10, 2011)

20. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301(h) for unprofessional conduct in that on or about April 10, 2011, Respondent used, or administered to herself, a controlled substance, cocaine, and alcoholic beverages to the extent or in a manner dangerous to herself or the public in that Respondent swerved through traffic and drove southbound on the northbound lanes of Rimpau requiring detectives of the Corona Police

Department to quickly change lanes in order to avoid a head-on collision with Respondent, as more fully set forth in paragraphs 16-19, incorporated herein as though set forth in full.

### THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

### (Violation of Statutes Regarding Controlled Substances and Dangerous Drugs)

21. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301(j), in conjunction with Health and Safety Code section 11350(a), for unprofessional conduct in that on or about April 10, 2011, Respondent violated the laws of the state of California regarding controlled substances and dangerous drugs when Respondent unlawfully had cocaine in her possession, as more fully set forth in paragraphs 16-19, incorporated herein as though set forth in full.

### FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

### (Conviction of More Than One Misdemeanor Involving Alcoholic Beverages)

22. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301(k) in that Respondent sustained more than one misdemeanor conviction for the use or consumption of alcoholic beverages in that on or about January 5, 2007, in a criminal proceeding entitled *The People of the State of California v. Jillian Frances McMahon*, Nevada City Municipal Court, Case No. M070043, Respondent was convicted of violating Vehicle Code section 23152(a), driving under the influence of alcohol, a misdemeanor, and on September 30, 2011, Respondent was convicted in *The People of the State of California v. Jillian Frances McMahon*, Riverside Superior Court Case No. RIF1102567, of violating Vehicle Code section 23152(a), driving under the influence of alcohol, a misdemeanor.

### DISCIPLINE CONSIDERATIONS

23. To determine the degree of discipline, if any, to be imposed on Respondent, Complainant alleges that on or about January 5, 2007, in a prior criminal proceeding entitled *People of the State of California v. Jillian Frances McMahon*, Nevada City Municipal Court, Case No. M070043, Respondent was convicted of violating Vehicle Code section 23152(a), driving under the influence of alcohol, a misdemeanor, and was sentenced to summary probation for 3 years.

### **PRAYER**

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Board of Pharmacy issue a decision:

- 1. Revoking or suspending Pharmacy Technician Registration Number 97033, issued to Jillian Frances McMahon;
- 2. Ordering Jillian Frances McMahon to pay the Board of Pharmacy the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3;
  - 3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: 7/12/12 ( ) Line Stee

Executive Officer Board of Pharmacy

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